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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 24 SYRIAN MEDIA CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON  
SOUTH LEBANON

1. MEDIA CONCENTRATED ON TENSIONS IN SOUTH LEBANON. PRESS  
BANNERED: "RETURN OF PEACE TO LEBANON AROUSES ENEMY'S REACTIONS  
AND APPREHENSIONS. DETERRENT FORCES CONTINUE CONSOLIDATING  
PEACE STEPS. PRESIDENT SARKIS DISCUSSES REVIVAL OF PRODUCTIVE  
INSTITUTIONS". PRESS REPORTED THAT "ISRAEL IS TRYING TO  
ESCALTE THE SITUATION IN AREA AND PUSH IT TOWARDS BRINK OF  
EXPLOSION" FOLLOWING RESTORATION OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN  
WAKE OF ADF DEPLOYMENT. ARTICLES CITED INTERNATIONAL NEWS  
DISPATCHES THAT, ACCORDING TO AL-BAATH, INDICATE ISRAEL'S  
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AIM BEHIND CURRENT CONCERN FOR SOUTH LEBANON IS PREVENTION

OF LEBANESE SETTLEMENT. PRESS CLAIMED THAT, "ISRAEL HAS MASSED ITS TANKS AND ARTILLERY ALONG CEASE-FIRE LINE IN SOUTH LEBANON FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPEDING EFFORTS TO RESTORE PEACE AND SECURITY TO LEBANON". ARTICLE REFERRED TO REUTER REPORT THAT ISRAEL INSISTING REGION SOUTH OF LITANI, FROM WHICH FEDAYEEN OPERATED IN PAST, SHOULD NOT RETURN TO PREVIOUS STATUS. ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT "THIS CONFIRMS AGGRESSIVE EXPANSIONIST INTENTIONS CONCOCTED BY ZIONIST ENTITY AGAINST SOUTH LEBANON".

2. MEDIA REPORTED CONTACTS BY COL. AL-HAJJ WITH DIFFERENT PARTIES IN LEBANON TO COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARAB SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS REGARDING RESTORATION OF NORMAL LIFE TO ALL LEBANESE REGIONS. COMMANDERS OF ADF AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES REPORTEDLY MET PREVIOUS DAY TO COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES.

3. MEDIA GAVE PROMINENCE TO VISIT BY LEBANESE CHRISTIAN DELEGATION TO DAMASCUS NOVEMBER 23. DELEGATION INCLUDED EDMOND RIZK, GEORGE SAADEH, AMIN GEMAYEL, KARIM PAKRADOUNI, DANY CHAMOUN, MARON HELOU AND TONY FRANJIEH. THEY WERE FIRST RECEIVED BY FONMIN KHADDAM IN PRESENCE OF AF COMMANDER JAMIL, COS SHIHABI AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS 'ADI. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING. THEY WERE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT ASAD ALONG WITH KHADDAM, JAMIL AND 'ADI. TALKS CENTERED ON "SITUATION IN LEBANON AND POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN LIGHT OF SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY ADF IN MAINTAINING SECURITY AND PAVING WAY FOR RESTORATION OF NORMAL LIFE".  
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